

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Independent claim 15 has been amended accordingly.

35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 14-17, 19, 20 and 22-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,510,052 to Ishikawa et al. ("Ishikawa" hereinafter) in view U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0223299 to Ghosh.

"To anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." (Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) ¶ 2131.)

Independent claims 1, 9, 15, and 20 include limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by Ishikawa and Ghosh. In particular, Applicant's independent claims include

the limitation, or limitation similar thereto, of a *plurality of evaporators* coupled to the components to remove heat from the components.

Ishikawa does not disclose such limitations. Rather, Ishikawa specifically discloses an accumulator 77 has a pressure accumulating chamber 78 for accumulating cooling medium discharged from the pump 76. The diaphragm 79 is elastically deformed corresponding to a discharging pressure of the cooling medium so that the capacity of the pressure accumulating chamber 78 is changed. As a result, pulsation of the cooling medium accompanied by driving of the pump 76 is absorbed so as to adjust the discharging pressure of the cooling medium to a constant level. (Ishikawa, col. 11, lines 21-36).

Although Ishikawa discloses an accumulator 77, which serves to adjust the discharging pressure of the cooling medium to a constant level, Ishikawa fails to disclose a plurality of evaporators to remove heat from the components. Adjusting the pressure of a *cooling medium*, as is disclosed by Ishikawa, does not comprise removing heat from the *components*, as is claimed by Applicant. Thus, the accumulator 77 of Ishikawa does not comprise an evaporator, as suggested by Examiner. (Office Action dated 6/09/2005, p. 5). Accordingly, Ishikawa fails to disclose a *plurality* of evaporators, as is claimed by Applicant.

Ghosh also fails to make mention of a plurality of evaporators. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 9, 15, and 20 are not rendered obvious by the combination of Ishikawa and Ghosh, and respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

All of the dependent claims depend from one of the independent claims discussed above and therefore also include the distinguishing claim limitations. As a result, the dependent claims are also patentable.

In view of the above remarks, a specific discussion of the dependent claims is considered to be unnecessary. Therefore, Applicants' silence regarding any dependent claim is not to be interpreted as agreement with, or acquiescence to, the rejection of such claim or as waiving any argument regarding the claim. Furthermore, Applicant reserves the right to disqualify Ghosh as a prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

CONCLUSION


Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Naya Chatterjee at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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